

Holy rollers

Motorcyclists bring message of Christianity

John Counts
Staff Writer

Don't let the long hair, tattoos, and leather jackets throw you off. The new biker gang in town is riding for a higher calling. Like other motorcycle clubs, they have a name, the Forgiven Warriors, and colors they wear proudly on their leathers. But instead of boozing and fighting that people often associate with the biker lifestyle, this group is more interested in worshiping and praying.

These bikers are modern-day missionaries on hogs and choppers, bringing a religious message to the masses with a growl of the throttle and a haze of exhaust.

The Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) has recently opened a new chapter covering communities in western Wayne County, Washtenaw County, and southern Oakland County. The chapter, started last October, has grown from 13 to 63 members in less than a year.

And they're still looking to grow, said chapter president Gary Pogue. He said he wants this particular chapter to be family-oriented.

"Our hope as a CMA chapter is to put on events that are geared towards the whole family," he said.

Recently, the association gathered in the parking lot of Tri-City Christian Center in Wayne for the Blessing of the Bikes event. Any motorcyclist interested can attend and have their bike blessed. But there was also food, prizes, and games for children.

Pogue envisions events like these, but much bigger. Along with 13 other CMA members, he formed the new chapter last fall. He's been riding for two years, he said. His yellow trike, a modified motorcycle with three wheels

instead of two, has earned him the nickname "Big Bird," though his height, about 6-foot, 2-inches, and shoulder-length blond hair probably helped him get the moniker.

Raised as a Catholic, Pogue said that for much of his life, he "didn't go to church at all."

He said a divorce and a number of other events in his life brought him to the church, first to Northridge in Plymouth, where his long hair and affection for leather jackets made members

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**Chapter President,
Gary Pogue**

think he was a biker. Someone told him about CMA so he went to a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the group.

"The rest snowballed from there," he said.

He joined a downriver chapter of CMA, but soon wanted something closer to his Canton Township home.

Todd Bates, road captain for the Forgiven Warriors, said he came to the church, and eventually CMA, after a motorcycle crash. He's been riding for 25 years, but about six years ago, a duffel bag got tangled up in his wheels while he was going 70 mph on the freeway. He said he escaped with only a broken finger.

"I figured there was a reason," he said.

An international organization,



Forgiven Warriors Patti Draper, Todd Bates, and Barry Draper attended the recent Blessing of the Bikes at the Tri-City Christian Center.

CMA began in the mid-1970s and now has received more than 90,000 applications and has chartered 700 local chapters. It's an interdenominational ministry on wheels of sorts. But they aren't trying to overwhelm anyone with their beliefs, Pogue said.

"We don't go to people and thump them with Bibles," he said.

The organization as a whole raised about \$2.5 million in 2003, Pogue said. According to Pogue, some of the money was sent to countries like Belize and Mexico to outfit local ministers with Bibles and motorcycles so they could get out to hard to reach areas and spread the gospel.

On a local level, CMA chapters sponsor events and have various teams that go out and do different things in the community.

Each year, they have the Ride for the Son. Chapters in each state convene on the state capitol and have a prayer vigil.

Each chapter also has about nine teams that go out into the community to help. The patch on the back of a member's leather indicates team membership.

"We can do a lot of things in the community with the teams," he

said.

Some of the teams include hospitality, music, prayer, and mechanical.

Pogue said that the patch, which reads Christian Motorcyclists Association, Riding for the Son, gets a strange response from people.

"It's amazing to see the change that occurs in people," he said.

Underneath the lettering and symbols, Pogue's patch says prison, which means he goes to

correctional facilities with other team members to speak with inmates. Because of their biker appearance, inmates will listen to CMA members, Pogue said.

"They feel we're on their level," he said.

Overall, though, Pogue said the organization is all about helping others.

"It's a matter of going places and helping people," he said. "What it comes down to is sharing life experience."

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CITY OF ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that the City of Romulus City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, June 15, 2004 at 7:15 p.m., Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to hear comments on the proposed special assessment district for street lighting in the Avalon Meadows Subdivision.

In accordance with Public Act 64 of 1989, please be advised that this statement serves as notice that appearance and protest at the June 15, 2004 public hearing is required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

You must either appear in person at the public hearing or notify the City Clerk's Office by mail no later than 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 15, 2004 in order to reserve you right to protest the special assessment.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request.

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING!

Linda R. Choate, CMC,
Clerk City

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THE CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Bid 04/05-01 2004 Pavement Marking
Bid 04/05-02 Contractual Services - Electrical Maintenance
Bid 04/05-03 - Bulk Gravel, Limestone and Sand
Bid 04/05-04 - Janitorial Supplies
Bid 04/05-05 - Sign Posts
Bid 04/05-06 - Uniforms/Laundry Service

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item/s and/or service/s.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids **must do so on forms provided by the City**. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing romuluspurchasing@icwww.net.

(2) Submit Bids in sealed envelopes and return them to the **City Clerk's Office** no later than 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 21, 2004. All bids will be publicly opened, and read aloud.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE BID NUMBER AND NAME AND BE ADDRESSED TO:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
B I D # _____
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan, 48174

(3) The right is reserved to reject any bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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Forty-three Metro Academy students will become the first eighth grade class to graduate from the charter school this week.

Academy graduates first class

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The first eighth-grade class will graduate from Metro Academy in Romulus this week, just four years after the charter school opened.

"We are so proud of how far we have come in such a short period of time," said Brigitte Brown, assistant principal at Metro Academy. "This is only the beginning."

The school, located on Ecorse Road, opened in 2000 for grades kindergarten through fifth grade. Each year the school has added one grade allowing it to slowly grow, said Brown.

Metro is part of National Heritage Academies, a charter school system that started in 1995 in an effort to create schools based on what parents most want for their children, said Brown.

"Our foundation lies in our four pillars," said Brown. "These four key areas are what attract parents to our schools."

The four pillars consist of accountability, moral focus, back-to-basics teaching and parent involvement.

The accountability falls on the school system, said Brown.

"If we are teaching our students that must be accountable for their actions," she said. "Then we must also be accountable."

Brown said that the moral focus pillar is one that is taken very seriously by teachers, students and parents.

Each month the students are given a word to focus on for that month. Words like wisdom, perseverance, respect and integrity have been used throughout the months to illustrate the importance of these traits to the students.

"The students really take the words to heart," said Brown. "One month the word was compas-

sion and four girls decided to cut their hair and donate it to the Locks of Love organization to show their compassion. It really makes a difference in their lives."

Brown said the school also believes that a back-to-basics approach to teaching is fundamental to the success of Metro Academy. She explained that back to basics means going back to the way schools used to teach students.

"We do a lot of preparatory work with the kids, getting them ready to enter high school," she said. "We want them to be prepared for what they will encounter when they leave Metro."

Finally, Brown said that the most important aspect of the four pillars is the parental involvement. The majority of parents are involved in their children's school life, said Brown, a fact that she believes sets Metro Academy apart from other schools.

"We rely on our parents here," said Brown. "They are an integral piece of schools."

Metro Academy has 609 students from more than 39 different zip codes in the Metro Detroit area, another reason parental involvement is so important, said Brown.

"We don't have a busing system, so our parents are responsible for getting their children to and from school," she said. "Some parents come all the way from Monroe and the east side of Detroit to bring their kids to school each day. That is dedication."

This Friday, 43 eighth grade students will become the first graduating class of Metro Academy. Some students will be moving on to other charter schools for high school, while others will attend private or public schools.

"Our students will succeed because we have given them a great foundation and raised the level of academic expectations for them during their time here," said Brown.

Council OK's increases in city building fees

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

In an effort to enhance the current revenues in Romulus, city council members approved the increase of building department fees at the May 25 meeting.

"This is long overdue," said Councilman William Wadsworth in response to the proposed rate hike.

The increase will mark a 124 percent hike across the board in fees, according to city officials. The largest increase will be seen in the city certification inspection fee. Currently for a residential home the rate for inspection

is \$55. The rate will increase to \$125 beginning July 1.

"These fees haven't been changed in a number of years," said Mayor Alan Lambert. "And in these economic times we had to tighten up our belt."

Lambert said it was also important for the city to get paid the correct amount for the work they are doing.

City officials said the increased fees are comparable to those found in surrounding communities.

The building department fees have not been increased since their adoption more than 17 years ago.

Democratic club garage sale set this weekend

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

The rains came last weekend and washed out many events planned in Romulus. One of the events, the Romulus Democratic Club (RDC) garage sale has now been rescheduled.

Club members all hope for better weather this weekend, when the event returns to the Romulus City Hall parking lot from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. June 5 and 6 for the garage sale.

"Don't throw old items away," said Jack Trumbull, president of the RDC. "Donate them to a good

cause."

The garage sale will benefit the Friends of the Animal Shelter fund.

"Fifty percent of the proceeds are going to go to raise money for the new animal shelter," said Trumbull. "We feel that it is something that is important to the community and we wanted to help."

Trumbull said donated items will be sold throughout both days and can be dropped off at anytime.

If items need to be picked up, call Trumbull at (734) 323-9397 or Dave Tyra at (734) 710-9933.

Hearing

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non-hazardous waste into the two wells. The average daily volume of waste injected is estimated to be more than 240,000 gallons and the maximum pressure allowed would be 765 pounds per square inch.

New conditions or not, Mayor Alan Lambert said he is determined to stop EDS from pumping anything into Romulus soil.

"My feeling is that we don't need this well," said Lambert. "There are other ways to dispose of hazardous waste. Romulus has been used as a dumping ground for so many years. That needs to stop now."

Lambert said he urges residents to attend the public hearing June 29 and voice their opinions about the well.

Draft permits and other documents related to the EDS wells are available for review at the Romulus Public Library, 11121 Wayne Road.

State test scores are good news for Romulus school district

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Romulus schools received their 2003-2004 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores last week, but Tom Dolan, director of curriculum for the Romulus schools said he isn't putting much stock in them.

"Yes, we definitely improved our scores in some areas," said Dolan. "But we do not judge our students or our teachers simply by what one test given on one day tells us."

This theory has proven the Romulus schools well, according to Dolan.

He said the district is more inclined to look at the improve-

ments they can see in the classroom to show their progress, not the MEAP scores.

At the elementary level, the schools made a large improvement in the reading/language arts and math section of the MEAP.

This year in reading/language arts, district elementary schools scored a 63, which is the state average, compared to score of 45 last year.

The elementary schools also made an improvement in the math section of the MEAP.

This year the district scored a 74, compared to a score of 56 last year. Due to the leap in the score, the district is actually above average in the state.

"We have made some strong gains," said Dolan. "And we are

very proud of that, but it just isn't the most important thing to us as a district."

It wasn't all good news, however.

In the social studies and science portions of the MEAP test scores were down this year.

The social studies score came in at 19, compared to 24 last year and the science score for 2004 was 68, compared to 75 from 2003.

The Romulus Middle School also saw improvements in their MEAP scores this year.

In math the middle school received a score of 50, a 12-point increase from last year and in science the school received a 47, a three-point increase over last year.

2003/2004 MEAP Scores		
Elementary Schools		
Subject	Score	Gain/Loss
Reading/Language Arts	63	+18
Math	74	+18
Social Studies	19	-5
Science	68	-7
Romulus Middle School		
Subject	Score	Gain/Loss
Reading/Language Arts	30	-2
Math	50	+12
Social Studies	17	-4
Science	47	+3

However, scores in reading/language arts and social studies slightly dropped from the 2003 scores.

Dolan said he believes the Romulus schools are on the right track and sees improvement every day.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL
HELD MAY 10, 2004 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ROMULUS
CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD,
ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Debbie Romak.
Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Charles Miller, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.
Absent: None.
Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear (on Military Duty), Councilman Michael Prybyla.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-213

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held May 3, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-214

3A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to grant a No-Fee Yard Sale Permit to the V.F.W. Post 1869, Wayne Road and Cypress, to be held on May 14, 15, and 16, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-215

3B. Motion by Miller, supported by Crova to grant a No-Fee Yard Sale Permit to the Romulus Wesleyan Church, 37300 Goddard Road, to be held on June 2, 3, and 4, 2004, offsite at 7309 Wayne Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth,
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3C. Bill Ventola, Central Distributors of Beer, introduced motivational speaker Jason Barber, “Leading by Example”(underage drinking and drunk driving).

04-216

4A. Motion by Miller, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution to the fami-ly of Ronald Hall.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to accept the Chairman’s Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-217

5A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the City of Romulus Building Authority Refunding Contract to provide for the issuance of Refunding Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00 (two million, five hundred thousand dollars and zero cents), confirming the refund of the outstanding 1993 Building Authority Bonds (City Hall renovation) to achieve debt service savings for the City.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-218

5A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to adopt a resolution, which approves the Building Authority Refunding Contract and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute and deliver the Refunding Contract.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-219

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution to provide for the adoption of a budget proposed by the Mayor containing estimates of proposed revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005, with the exclusion of the Vining Road TIFA Project, and to approve the

operating expenditures of the 34 th District Court and its activities for the beginning of July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

SECTION 1. That for the expenditures of the City Government and Its activities for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005, the amounts in the following sections are hereby appropriated.

SECTION 2. That for the said fiscal year them is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund on an activity basis, the following

COUNCIL	64,487
MAYOR	245,039
LEGAL	224,000
COMMUNITY SERVICE	20,250
PUBLIC RELATIONS	58,429
CLERK	412,958
ELECTIONS	115,534
TREASURER	394,776
ASSESSOR	444,693
BOARD OF REVIEW	2,360
CITY OWNED PROPERTY	22,000
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	38,601
FINANCE	614,912
PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS	248,574
UNALLOCATED	358,296
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	433,470
POLICE	7,695,087
ORDINANCE	304,781
ANIMAL SHELTER	206,441
FIRE	1,970,807
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	105,614
PLANNING & ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	236,420
BUILDING	1,364,101
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	573,736
DRAINS-AT-LARGE	126,300
BUILDING & GROUNDS	2,365,921
CEMETERY	130,486
RECREATION	631,460
LIBRARY	312,690
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	1,075
UNRESOLVED CLAIMS	50,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	19,763,309
CONTINGENCIES	774,692
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES	20,538,001

REVENUES

TAXES	9,564,521
BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	170,000
NON-BUSINESS LICENSES & PERMITS	1,311,000
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	4,264,697
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	1,876,056
MISCELLANEOUS	475,050
TRANSFER FROM OTHER FUNDS	0
FINES & FORFEITS	900,000
TOTAL REVENUES	18,561,324
APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	1,976,677
TOTAL REVENUES & APPROPRIATED SURPLUS	20,538,001

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SECTION 3. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Major Steels Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	532,879
TRAFFIC SERVICES	103,209
WINTER MAINTENANCE	203,650
DITCHING	98,088
TRANSFER TO LOCAL STREETS	275,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCIES	1,212,827

REVENUES

INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	20,000
REIMBURSEMENTS	3,000
OTHER INCOME	1,000
PAVING INSPECTION FEES	2,000
STORM DRAIN INSPECTION FEES	40,000
ENGINEERING FEES -REIMBURSEMENTS	1,000
HAULING/PAVING PERMITS	0
STATE SHARED REVENUES	1,116,567
TRANSFER IN - GENERAL FUND	0
TOTAL REVENUES	1,183,567

SECTION 4. That for the said fiscal year them is hereby appropriated out of the Local Streets Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	643,784
TRAFFIC SERVICES	95,062
WINTER MAINTENANCE	194,118
DITCHING	103,563
TOTAL EXPENDITURES &CONTINGENCIES	1,036,526

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REVENUES

INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	10,000
REIMBURSEMENTS	1,500
PAVING INSPECTION FEES	50,000
HAULING/PAVING PERMITS	8,000
OTHER INCOME	0
STATE SHARED REVENUES	415,873
TRANSFER IN -GENERAL FUND	0
TRANSFER IN - MAJOR STREETS FUND	275,000
TOTAL REVENUES	760,373

SECTION 5. That for the said fiscal year them Is hereby appropriated out of the Cable Television Fund on an activity basis, the following:

CABLE TELEVISION	193,892
REVENUES	104,600

SECTION 6. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Street Lighting Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STREET LIGHTING	349,500
REVENUES	327,500

SECTION 7. That for the said fiscal yaw there is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitation Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SANITATION	766,821
REVENUES	662,817

SECTION 8. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Community Development Grants Fund on an activity basis, the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	629,056
REVENUES	521,500

GENERAL AND SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

SECTION 9. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the 9 1 1 Fund on an activity basis, the following:

91 1 FUND	154,500
REVENUES	111,500

SECTION 10. That for the said fiscal year them is hereby appropriated out of the Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

LAW ENFORCEMENT	104,950
REVENUES	27,000

SECTION 11. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Law Enforcement Fund on an activity basis, the following:

STATE FORFEITURE	111,100
REVENUES	32,500

SECTION 12. That for the said fiscal year them is hereby appropriated out of the Special Assessment - Beverly Road Fund on an activity basis. the following:

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT - BEVERLY ROAD	319,265
REVENUES	322,184

SECTION 13. That for the said fiscal year them is hereby appropriated out of the Building Authority Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

BUILDING AUTHORITY DEBT SERVICE	308,890
REVENUES	276,775

SECTION 14. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER DEBT	9,494
REVENUES	85,000

SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Water Debt Service Fund on an activity basis, the following

WATER DEBT	0
REVENUES	43,500

SECTION 16. That for the said fiscal yew there is hereby appropriated out of the Sewer and Water Fund on an activity basis, the following:

SEWER AND WATER	11,601,637
REVENUES	11,267,998

SECTION 17. That for the said fiscal year them is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT	1,671,583
REVENUES	1,398,729

SECTION 18. That for the said fiscal year them is hereby appropriated out of the Vehicle and Equipment Fund on an activity basis, the following:

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	462,033
REVENUES	366,129

SECTION 19. That for the said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Retirement Insurance Benefit Fund on an activity basis, the following:

RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS	468,023
REVENUES	597,728

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SECTION 20. That for the said fiscal yaw them is hereby appropriated out of the Property and Liability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

PROPERTY AND LIABILITY SELF INSURANCE	645,337
REVENUES	513,500

SECTION 21. That for the said fiscal yew them is hereby appropriated out of the Long Term Disability Self-Insurance Fund on an activity basis, the following:

LONG-TERM DISABILITY SELF-INSURANCE	15,000
REVENUES	16,000

SECTION 22. That for the said fiscal yew there is hereby appropriated out of the Economic Development Corporation Special Revenue Fund on an activity basis, the following:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	788
REVENUES	100

SECTION 23. That for the said fiscal year them is hereby appropriated out of the Downtown Development Authority Special Revenue Fund on an activity basis, the following:

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	
SPECIAL REVENUE	1,610,517
REVENUES	1,677,829

SECTION 24. That for the said fiscal year them is hereby appropriated out of the Tax Increment Finance Authority Funds on an activity basis the following:

TIFA DISTRICT II -	19,079,683
REVENUES	18,206,235

SECTION 26. That for the said fiscal yew them is hereby appropriated the following Capital Budget expenditures:

CAPITAL BUDGET	17,347,090
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SECTION 26. That amounts budgeted for specific hems or purposes and not required to be utilized for such items or purposes may be spent by the Mayor for other items or purposes within the same activity for which such allocations are made.

SECTION 27 Be It further resolved that the following millage rates as provided by charter or statute be assessed:

OPERATING MILLAGE	9.4967
SANITATION MILLAGE	0.7000

SECTION 29. Be It further resolved that the Property Tax Administration Fee and any type of late penalty charge as provided for by charter or statute be assessed.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:

That for the expenditures of the 34th District Court and its activities for the beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005, the following amounts appropriated.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	2,960,172
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That for the 34th District Court’s Work Program and its activities for the beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005, the following amounts are appropriated.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	45,000
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Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

02-220

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-43:

FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED AMENDED	AMENDED BUDGET
Major Streets Fund:					
Expenditures					
	202-4290-742.92-03	Transfer Out-local Streets	250,000	30,000	280,000
Local Streets Fund:					
Revenues:					
	203-0000-699.92.02	Transfer In - Major Streets	250,000	30,000	280,000
Fund Balance					
	Major Streets	AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	BALANCE	
		1,775,577	30,000	1,745,517	

To appropriate additional transferring of funds, in accordance with Act 51 Revenue Sharing, from Major Streets to Local Streets and based on the 25% allowable transfer of revenues collected.

Residents receive help during water contamination crisis

Adrea King
Staff Writer

When thirsty residents of Belleville were in need of water, Channel 7 went into action.

Bill Spencer from Channel 7 news, along with Costco food services and Van Buren Public Schools, distributed free drinking water last Wednesday at Belleville High School to area residents during the township drinking water warning.

Paul Henning, communication specialist for Van Buren Public Schools, said that Costco heard about the boil water alert and wanted to help. Spencer contacted the school district as well, extending a helping hand.

The school followed with space to distribute more than 60,000 bottles of water within 2 hours to people lined up all the way down through Main Street.

Community volunteers included: Toni Hunt, Keith Johnson, Robert Binert, members of the Belleville Band Boosters, 34th District Judge Brian Oakley, the National Honor Society and the Belleville Athletic Department.

“This is a wonderful community service that Channel 7 and Costco provided,” said director of personnel Louise Williamson.

“I am proud of our high school students and community members for volunteering. It was gratifying to see the students, staff and community members pull together with such a short notice to provide this unique service to the community.”

Van Buren Township announced a drop in the water pressure on Tuesday, which may have led to contamination. Residents were advised to use bottled water or boil all water before drinking, making ice, washing dishes, preparing

food, or using for brushing teeth.

Officials lifted the water warning Wednesday morning after getting water pressure restored and testing samples from around the system.

Pete Lazaroff, superintendent of schools, commended the plan.

“It’s the kind of commitment that pulls the community together in a positive way,” he said.

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Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-221

5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to extend Bid 00/01-42, Fourth of July Fireworks Display with Colonial Fire Works at a cost of \$10,000.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-222

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a special recognition for Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear for his allegiance and dedication to his Country and for the sacrifice which he and his family have endured during this Iraqi conflict. Further, to add to future Council Meeting Minutes that Mr. Gear is excused from the meeting for Military Duty.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-223

6A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce an Amendment to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Sec 2-41: Residency requirements for City Employees, City Officials and Volunteer and Paid on-call Firefighters.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), any person, regardless of residence, who is otherwise qualified for employment at a particular City position, shall be eligible for employment by the City, except as set forth in a collective bargaining agreement, as set forth by Council resolution, but no resolution shall require residency within less than twenty miles of the City.

(b) All elected officials and unpaid, appointed official must be residents of the City.

(c) To promote prompt response time and public safety, the Mayor, by executive policy, may require residency in the City or residency within a specified geographic area in proximity to the City as a condition of employment for both volunteer and paid, on-call firefighters.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-224

6A3. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with City Clerk Linda Choate and re-schedule the public hearing for Lear Corporation Industrial Exemption Certificate from May 10, 2004 to June 7, 2004 at 6:45 p.m.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-225

9. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution declaring June 11, 2004 as National Small Cities Day.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

04-226

11. Motion by Miller, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 04-09 in the total amount of Eight Hundred, Five Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$805,580.20).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Linda R. Choate
Clerk

Publish: June 3, 2004

CITY OF ROMULUS T.I.F.A. DISTRICT II REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS MERRIMAN ROAD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT-PHASE I SITE DEVELOPMENT

Tax Increment Finance Authority, District II of the City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above service

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by Grissm Metz Andriese Associates, Inc., 300 E. Cady St., Northville, MI 48167 on or after May 18th, 2004 upon deposit of \$20.00, which is non-refundable.
- (2) Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by Landscape Architect and be accompanied by Bid Bond or Certified Check in the amount of five (5%) of Proposal submitted. Please call (248) 347-7010 before picking up plans and specifications.
- (3) Project work to consist of Site Development including:
 1. Landscaping along the Merriman Road right-of-way between I-94 and Ecorse Road, on either side of the road and in the median. Work to be performed includes planting of trees, shrubs, ground cover, flowers and sodded lawn
 - Anticipated Construction Start Date: July 1, 2004
 - Substantial Completion Date: November 1, 2004
- (4) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00pm, Thursday, June 10, 2004. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
MDOT MERRIMAN ROAD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT-PHASE
SITE DEVELOPMENT
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan

- (5) Each bidder shall file a statement signed by, or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation has not either directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or other wise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid.
- (6) Funds from the Federal Highway Transportation program will partially fund this project. Consequently, contractors and subcontractors are required to comply with Federal Labor Standard Provisions, Equal Opportunity Requirements and Davis-Bacon Wage Requirements.
- (7) The prime contractor shall meet the requirements of MDOT pre-qualification classification joint combination 355H. A letter from MDOT must accompany each bid confirming that the Bidder is prequalified by MDOT as of the bid opening date. Work by subcontractors shall not exceed 51% of the total contract.
- (8) The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance, Labor and Material Bonds in the amount of 100 percent of Contract, total cost of which to be paid by accepted Bidder.
- (9) Construction shall be in accordance with MDOT 2003 Standard Specifications, supplemental specifications and special provisions contained herein.
- (10) A pre-construction conference between the Contractor and the City of Romulus must be completed prior to the start of project construction to ensure that the Contractor meets all federal regulations.
- (11) All Proposals submitted shall remain firm for a period of 45 days after official opening of Bids
- (12) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any informalities therein, in accordance with MDOT 2003 Standard Specifications.

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OPINION

It's the right move

It's hard to imagine a municipality that wouldn't benefit from a study similar to the one commissioned this week by the Northville Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Undertaken by the Gibbs Planning Group, the study will provide a complete local and regional inventory of shopping centers and retailers, study tenant mix and land use along with factors like pedestrian and vehicular traffic patterns and give recommendations about the future marketing and development of the city. It will look at the city master plan, proposed new developments as well as existing potential development sites and formulate economic growth models as they relate to business trends.

In short, it will give officials in the city a snapshot of where they are, where they've been and where they're going.

It would be easy for officials in Northville to forgo the study. They commissioned a similar one about seven years ago, and development has since been good. It's not as though they have to kick and scrape to attract new businesses; store fronts are rarely vacant there for long.

It's important, though, for any community to occasionally look to outside sources to get a different perspective, if for nothing else to show them that they are on the right track. It doesn't matter how successful they are.

At a time when communities throughout the state are looking at revamping their image, updating their look and bringing in new businesses, Northville may already be ahead of the game. The best way to stay head is to stay informed and the best way to do that, sometimes, is to seek outside advice.

It's a good example to follow.

Better luck next time for Cool City grant program

Gov. Jennifer Granholm was scheduled to unveil the recipients of the Cool Cities catalyst grant program Wednesday morning and, as of Tuesday night, it didn't look good for the City of Wayne.

Officials in the City were informed Tuesday that they weren't one of the 20 recipients of the grant funding in the pilot program.

Well, it was a nice try, anyway.

Officials in the city can still learn a valuable lesson from the attempt to secure the grants, which were handed out to cities that took part in the Cool Cities Initiative last year.

First and foremost is that you can be as prepared as you can possibly think you need to be, and still be rejected.

The plan they submitted for the grant, to fund the construction of the clock tower plaza at the corner of Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue, was a good one. It contained all of the elements that officials from the city thought the state looked for: concise, complete designs, a partnership between public, private and corporate funding sources – the clock tower was donated by the Wayne Garden Club and the project funded in part by developer Stuart Michaelson. They could even justify that it met the overriding criteria of the grant: to serve as a catalyst for future downtown development.

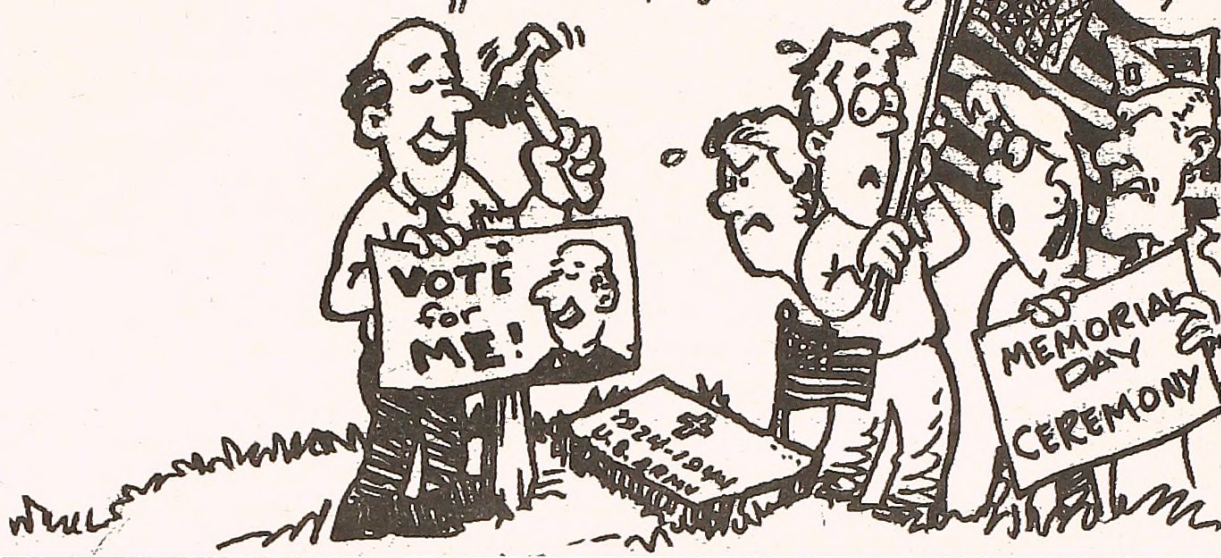
It's a safe bet that many of the 120 or so other communities that applied for the grant weren't as well prepared as the city was to pounce on the opportunity. Who knows, maybe even some of the recipients weren't.

The positive thing about being denied this grant, if there is a positive, is that there is no real loser here. The project is still a good project, and it will still take place. It had in fact already been budgeted

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HEY! HE WAS A BIG SUPPORTER OF DEMOCRACY, RIGHT?

so its patriotic to use those occasions to campaign!



At last, their number is up

There were a variety of reactions last month when Terri Lynn Land, Michigan secretary of state, announced the closure of several branch offices, including the one on Michigan Avenue in Wayne.

The idea behind it was to combine the older, inefficient offices into larger, more up-to-date regional ones, but officials here in Wayne lamented the proposed closure, because they said it would be a reduction in services to Wayne residents.

I disagree.

I mean, what service?

Here's an example. I was in there recently to renew my registration. It wasn't my first visit there: I had driven by on previous occasions, taken a peep in the door and left, discouraged at the length of the lines.

This time was different, though. There were only five people sitting on the uncomfortable plastic chairs, spread out on the dingy carpet.

That's not too bad, I thought. I pulled my number: 97. They were serving 91. I glanced at the clock: 3:15 p.m.

About 15 minutes later, num-

ber 91 was still showing on the electronic counter, and still, apparently, at the counter. There were three employees back there, one of them talked on and on and on (and had been since I walked in) about the title or registration on a Chevy Tracker. One of them was nearly out of sight, behind a pillar, helping the person I assumed to be lucky contestant number 91. Another employee was helping people out who had returned to the 'returns only' line.

Then old number 91 left, as did the other customers at the counter. Here's where we would pick things up, I thought. All of the sudden, they would call three numbers and then I would be almost next.

Not so.

A couple of minutes went by, and the counter stayed at 91. Nobody approached the counter, and nobody behind the counter seemed interested in calling anyone up. I waited another minute or so before I tossed away my once-promising number 97 and sped down the road into Canton Township, where employees dispatched a line of about 10 people

in as many minutes.

This is the kind of service we want to preserve?

I don't think so.

Granted, having a secretary of state office in the community can be a good thing. It's an often-used service that can draw people into the town, people that can then frequent shops and restaurants. But we shouldn't go out of our way to keep a place like that in operation. We should be pointing out that the location could be a good one, with its easy access, central location and plentiful parking.

We should be demanding the respect that an investment into the office – new lights, new furniture, new computers and more employees – should bring. There's no sense in arguing, hoping to keep the status quo when nobody wants the status quo. We want improvements, not a caricature of bad service in a dingy location.

I say let it go, clean it out, open the door for something new, something better.

It wouldn't take much.

Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Improve yourself with curiosity

I've always believed that one of the best things a person can do, from a mental perspective, is to develop a curious mind about life.

One of my favorite hobbies is asking people about their families, where they grew up, their jobs, whatever. I joke that I'm the biggest busybody around, but the truth is that I like finding out about people, what experiences have shaped them, what makes them tick. It's great fun and a wonderful way to learn and build relationships with people.

There are other things we can do, too, to exercise our minds. Next time you come across a word you don't know, instead of skimming by it, find a

dictionary and learn about it. What does it mean? How did it originate? How is it used? It might just stick in your head for the next time you're searching for that perfect word or phrase.

Traveling is another great way to expand your horizons and see how other people live. Our country is so beautiful and diverse, and full of learning opportunities. I also highly recommend traveling abroad, if you're able, because it can really give you a new perspective on the world and life.

When we cultivate our minds, we improve ourselves and become more well-rounded.

And that's a healthy way to be.

And remember, take care of

your health before it's long gone!

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone.

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Coincidence or intervention?

Some people will not believe the following story; others will connect with it immediately. What's most important though, is that you understand this is absolute truth. It happened recently to a friend of mine.

The deal was done, or so she thought. After eight months of looking for the right position to practice her skills as a medical doctor, the golden opportunity had arrived in Kentucky.

The Michigan house had been sold, another in Kentucky bought. For Dr. Kate, life was looking great, and she was ready for a break on a road that had been rocky.

"I'd already gotten past applying for the Kentucky medical license because it said have you ever used drugs, or been in treatment for alcohol, or abused either one in the past 5 years?"

"So, I truthfully said no, and I figured that was kind of the end of it as far as answering those kind of questions."

The employment contract from her new boss arrived, and Dr. Kate's life took a dive.

"One sentence stood out bigger than hell: 'Dr. Kate asserts that she has no history of alcohol abuse, drug abuse or mental illness that she had not disclosed prior to this contract.'"

The boom had been lowered.

You see, Dr. Kate is a recovering alcoholic and drug addict. Clean and sober for the past seven years she'd worked harder on recovery, than for her medical license.

"I thought, oh, s—, I'm gonna lie, you know, it just brought back all my old addict thinking. We (she and her husband) talked it over and decided that probably the best thing to do was to lie.

Dr. Kate was about to be reminded, that in recovery, you can't be a little bit bad.

"My conscience was beating the hell out of me for a week, and finally I went to a (support group) meeting. I didn't tell the story. I just listened. Everybody talked about honesty and integrity and I thought, OK, God, I'm listening."

"I said to my husband afterward that I really didn't feel comfortable about this (lying). He said, give him a call. So, we called the new boss who listened a few minutes and said, 'You know, I don't think that should be any problem for us.'"

Dr. Kate had just spent one week of sleepless nights and constant worry about "what if."

Oh, the story gets better.

She went to another meeting, this time to tell her story. Unbeknownst to Dr. Kate, the out-of-town guest speaker for state AA convention that night

was also there. And, in a room where 80-90 people were scattered around a dozen tables, this fellow sat down at Dr. Kate's table.

"I told my story," Dr. Kate said. "And, it turns out the stranger is the director of the impaired physician program for the State of Kentucky." Laughing now, she added, "Ahhh, duh."

"He said he's sees a lot of miracles around the program (Alcoholics Anonymous) but this is close to being the burning bush."

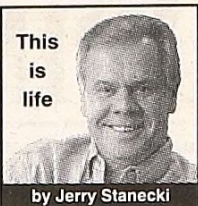
That's it. That's the story. So, divine intervention or coincidence?

Me? I don't believe in coincidence, but have indeed experienced divine intervention, just like my friend Dr. Kate.

And, you?

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by the city, through expenditures from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). It will still take place and it will dress up a still-ugly corner.

It may even save a few trees, because the ones along that stretch of roadway would have had to have been removed.

All in all it was a good attempt on the part of the city to show they are poised to take advantage of future opportunities.

And there will be future opportunities, to be sure.

It won't be the last time the city is eligible for funding under this or other programs. It won't be the last time that the Wayne 2020 Committee will

try to take advantage of an opportunity to leverage additional money from the State of Michigan. It won't be the last attempt, and it probably won't be the last rejection, either.

What matters is that the group itself does not lose its momentum. The ideas they've put forth in their four short months of getting together have been good ones. It shows they are concerned; it shows they want to make an impact, and it shows that they're willing to put forth the effort to make things happen.

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OBITUARIES

BOBBITT, Stephanie R.
Stephanie R. Bobbitt, 42, of Van Buren Township, died May 12.
Among her survivors are her children, Calvin Bobbitt of Canton Township, Carlos Bobbitt, Simone Bobbitt, Chenea Bobbitt and Chenette Bobbitt, all of Belleville; sisters, Sammie Snowden of Texas, Leenora Bobbitt of Belleville, Georgia Ann Bobbitt of Ohio and Mary Ann Bobbitt, also of Ohio, and brothers, Charles Bobbitt of Cleveland, OH, Alfonso Bobbitt of Grafton, OH and Luther Clyde Bobbitt of Belleville.
Mrs. Bobbitt attended the Church of God in Belleville.
Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert J. Payne officiating.

BEASON, Dylan Daniel
Dylan Daniel Beason, the infant son of Daniel and Erin (Kornelson) Beason of Belleville, died May 22.
In addition to his parents, the baby is survived by his maternal grandparents, Keith (Lori) Kornelson of Belleville and Carol (Alfred) Krentz of Spruce; paternal grandparents, Kenneth and Kathleen Beason of Belleville; maternal great-grandmothers, Joanne Millard of Ossineke, and Nellie Kornelson of Belleville; paternal great-grandparents, J.D. and Della Beason of Monroe; maternal great-great-grandmother, Hilma Harman of Ossineke; aunts and uncles, and cousins, Braden and Madison.
Funeral services were at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Boston with the Rev. D. Lee Cullen, Jr. officiating.
Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.
Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home.

GOIKE, Robert J.
Robert J. Goike, 77, of Belleville, died May 21.
Among his survivors are his wife of more than 54 years, Gertrude A. "Annabell" (Nunn) Goike; his children, Robert T. (Gloria) Goike of Saline and Carol A. (Steve) McCain of Belleville; brothers, Eugene (Denore) Goike of Milford and Larry (Pat) Goike of Brighton, and grandchildren, Kristin, Bobby, Caitlyn, Michael, Justin and Steven.
Mr. Goike was the owner of Lodge Lanes Bowling Alley. He was a veteran of the U.S. armed services.
Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Kent Jennings officiating.

FROST, Robert W.
Robert Walter Frost, 56, of Perrinville, formerly of Belleville, died May 13.
Among his survivors are his wife of 36 years, Jeanette Helen (Ostrowski) Frost; sons, Corey D. Frost of Belleville, Robert H. (Wendy) Frost of St. Clair Shores and Danile A. Frost, also of Belleville; sisters, Barbara (Lee) Halferty of Climax, MI and Cheryl (Bruce) Allion of Belleville; brothers Barry (Pamela) Frost of Belleville and William J. (April) Frost of Wayne, and a grandson, Aidan Lee Frost.
Mr. Frost retired from the Ford Motor Co. in Ypsilanti after 34 years as an electrician. He was a former member of the Sumpter PLAV and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.
A funeral mass was at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville where Mr. Frost was a member with Father Thomas H. Cusick as celebrant, assisted by Deacon Peter Cornell.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.
RANDALL, Brank E. Sr.
Frank E. Randall, Sr., 81, of Belleville, died May 30.
Among his survivors are his wife, Dorothy Mae (Ing) Randall; children, Brank E. (Kathy) Randall, Jr. of Belleville, Brian (Betty) Randall of Willis and Charles (Edna) Randall of Hesperia; brother, Oliver Randall of Wayne; sisters, Eola Haynie of Marshall, NC and Rosella (Lloyd) Caldwell, also of Wayne; eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.
Mr. Randall served in the U.S. Army during World War II and in the International Guard during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Belleville Moose Lodge 934.
Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with the Rev. Walker Harris officiating.

Charter Township of Van Buren
BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR
WETLAND CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED SERVICES

The Charter Township of Van Buren will be accepting sealed bids for wetland construction and related services. The project entails construction of a Lake Fringe Wetland and related site amenities at the Visteon Village Site off of Ecorse Road. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "Visteon Lake Fringe Wetland" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 28, 2004, at which time bids will be open and publicly read aloud.

There will be a pre-bid meeting and site visit on Monday, June 14, 2004, at 10:00 AM. Specifications may be obtained from the Clerk's Office during normal business hours starting June 1, 2004. This project is partially funded with a federal grant and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation is required. For more information you may call (734) 699-8913.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township also reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid and is an equal opportunity employer.

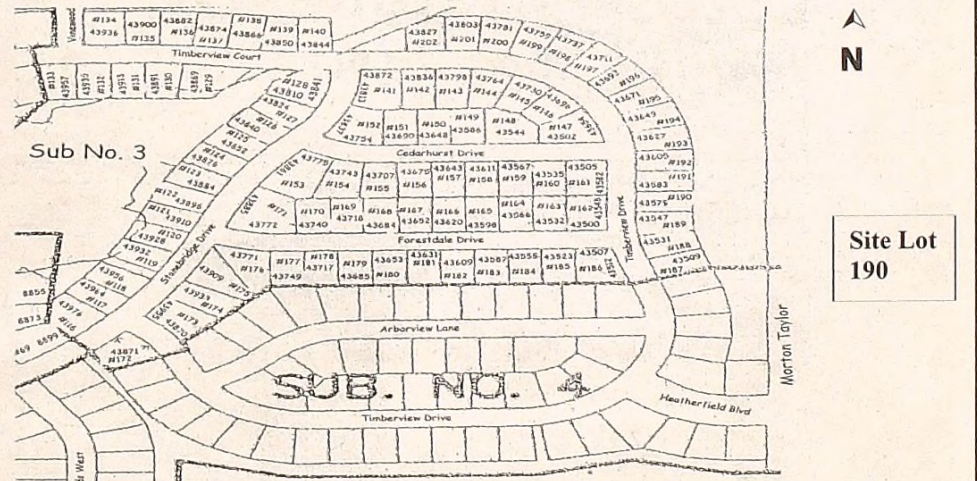
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on Wednesday June 9 at 7:30 p.m. to consider a request to modify the requirements of the Township Zoning Ordinance, 6-2-92, as amended, for a proposed accessory structure on the following described property:

Parcel number(s) V125-83-040-03-0190-000 known as, 43579 Timberview, Lot 190, is requesting a modification to construct a 25' X 12' deck to the rear of the house on the parcel. Per Sec. 4.14. (c).3 (Permitted Yard Encroachments), a deck may encroach up to 10' into the required 35' rear yard setback under specific conditions. The applicant is requesting a modification to allow an additional 2' encroachment into the required 35' rear yard setback. This requires Planning Commission approval. Per Sec. 4.14 (c).7 of the Township Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Commission may modify requirements of Ordinance 04-20-04 subject to specific conditions.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below:



This property is located in Walden Woods Subdivision on Tyler Road.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

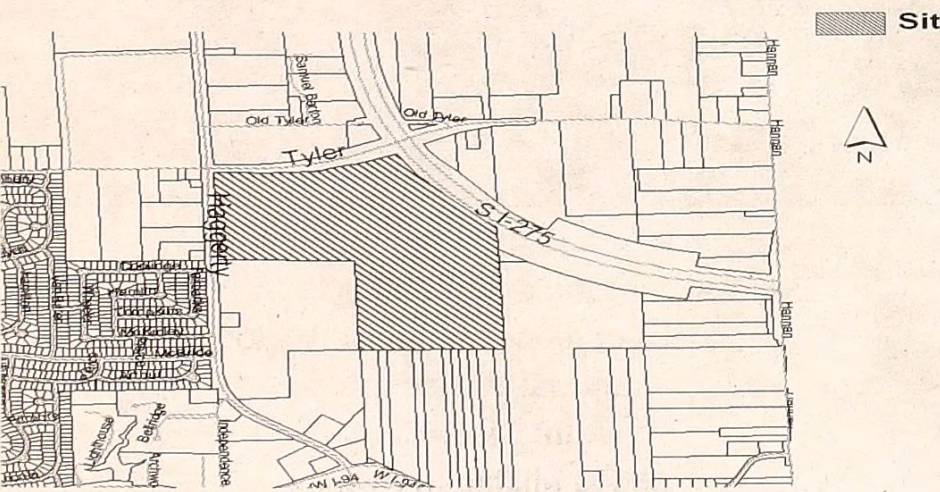
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PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on Wednesday June 9 at 7:30 p.m. to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

Parcel numbers V125-83-050-99-0001-000 approximately 118 acres proposed to be rezoned from RM – Multiple Dwelling Residential, M-1 General Industrial District and AG- Agricultural to OT- Office Research to RM - Multiple Dwelling Residential.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below:
This property is located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Tyler Road and I-



94 Service Drive.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Publish: May 27, 2004

THE SCENE

DAY AFTER TOMORROW misses on message

Just when you thought it was safe to start polluting the Earth again, 20th Century Fox had to unleash a new wave of disaster movie, *The Day After Tomorrow*—a special-effects laden homage to all previously made end-of-the-world movies—to persuade you otherwise.

In *The Day After Tomorrow*, man has exhausted the natural resources of Earth and Mother Nature strikes back with a vengeance, causing an abrupt climate change with catastrophic consequences—mainly the deep-freezing of the entire northern hemisphere.

That's the message Fox and director Roland Emmerich (*Independence Day*) would like to imbed in the minds of moviegoers. Pollution is bad and if we're not careful we will end up fleeing south by the thousands and all end up immigrants in Mexico. My, how the tides will have turned if that happens.

While it's an important message, I don't think making a \$100 million-plus movie is the way to broadcast that message.

At the center of the story is Professor Adrian Hall (Dennis Quaid), a paleoclimatologist (a scientist who studies the weather patterns changed in the past), who discovers the early warning signs of the impending doom.

However, the cocky American vice president disregards Hall's hypothesis and no measures are taken to save lives...until it's too late.

While Hall attempts to save the world from the effects of global warming, he must also make his way to his son Sam (Jake Gyllenhaal). The problem is: Sam is in New York City as a part of scholastic competition when the flooding and chilling of the new Ice Age overwhelms the city. So, as the rest of America escapes to the south, Hall heads north into the eye of the storm to save his son.

A disaster movie wouldn't be the same without a young budding romance between characters, as cliché as it may seem. In *Tomorrow*, the

only reason Sam is participating on the scholastic decathlon team – and the only reason he is in New York – is for a girl, Laura (Emmy Rossum). However, the only things their romance offers moviegoers are hokey lines and goofy smiles – something audiences couldn't help but laugh at—while devastation is falling around them.

The special effects are amazing. Viewers will see Los Angeles torn to shreds by tornadoes, New

Delhi blanketed by snow, and Tokyo pummeled by hail the size of grapefruit and a slew of hurricanes, earthquakes, tidal waves and tsunamis. The Atlantic Ocean also rises to the height

of the Statue of Liberty's armpits, flooding New York City, and then freezes over.

There are obvious tense moments throughout the film but spectacular special effects don't mean anything if there is no story, dialogue or acting to back it up.

After seeing the movie I'm no more afraid of the end of civilization than I was before except that I have started looking into real estate prices in Mexico. *Tomorrow* has only reinforced my fear that moviemakers' indulgence in special effects will be the end of well-written, acted and directed films as we know them.

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New York's Fifth Avenue is about to become a memory.

Review by
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Sugar-coated 'Raising Helen' falls flat

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Move over Meg Ryan.

Kate Hudson is on her way to take over the title of "America's Sweetheart".

The only problem is Hudson may actually be too cute for the title. It may sound odd, but Ryan adds a sense of practicality to her characters. Audiences feel as though she is someone who could be their next-door neighbor. But Hudson seems too perfect. She is so sweet that she must smell of bubble gum and banana splits 24/7.

In her latest romantic comedy, *Raising Helen*, Hudson stars as Helen Harris, a woman who is living the life she has always dreamed of as an assistant at a top Manhattan modeling agency.

Dominique (Helen Mirren), her boss, is your typical, everything-is-about-me-woman who has Helen constantly on the go. But this is no problem for the unattached Helen, who spends her days at fashion shows and her nights in the hottest clubs in the city.

All is good until her life is turned upside down when she receives a phone call informing her that her sister and brother-in-law have been killed in a car accident, leaving behind three children.

Now, all is not yet lost for Helen's perfect lifestyle, because

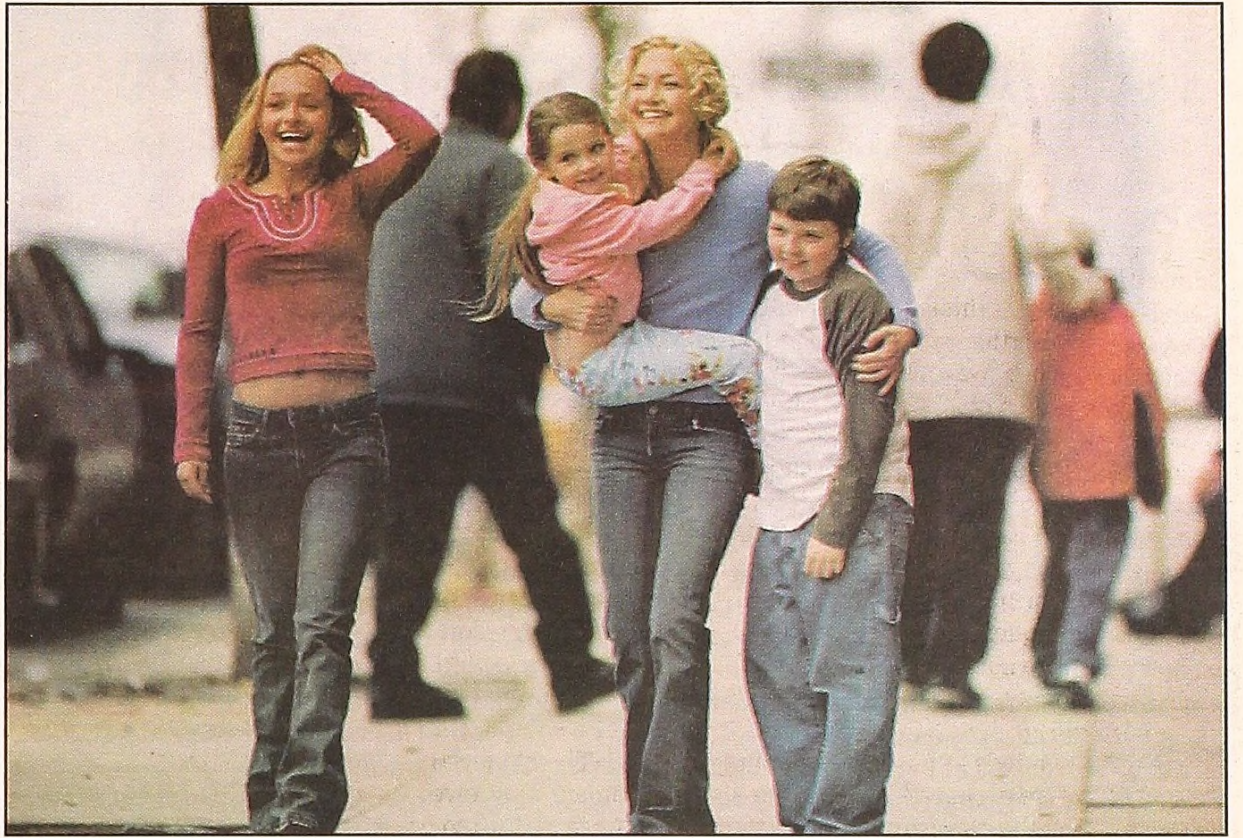
she assumes that her older sister, Jenny (Joan Cusack) will be awarded custody of the children, adding to her own two and a half child household (one is on the way). Jenny is the average Pottery Barn soccer mom who is always on the ball and ready to solve any problems that may arise.

But, the family is shocked when the will reveals that Helen has been named the children's legal guardian.

This is where the Garry Marshall movie begins to walk a familiar and nauseating line. It is not hard to guess what will happen next. Helen must now make serious decisions for her new family, but again the sugary, vanilla syrup just seems to drip off the screen. And there is very little mention or concern for the emotional state of the three children who seem to be having a grand ol' time with Aunt Helen just days and weeks after they lost both parents.

This film lacks any concept of reality. It is like the Walgreen's commercials about a place called "Perfect" and how perfect life would be if we all lived in Perfect. *Raising Helen* should be the film showing at the Perfect Cinemas on Main Street in Perfect.

Helen uproots the kids and moves them from their home in New Jersey to a middle class neighborhood in Queens, while she attempts to keep up her



The new family - (left to right) Audrey (Hayden Panettiere), Sarah (Abigail Breslin), Helen (Kate Hudson), and Henry (Spencer Breslin) - enjoy a day in New York.

lifestyle, but it begins to fall apart fast.

Fear not. It would not be a romantic comedy without a love interest for Helen to give her support through this transitional time and to down the road serve as the father figure for her nieces and nephew.

Enter Pastor Dan Parker, played by John Corbett who achieved fame in his recurring role as Aidan on the HBO series

Sex and the City and previously as the radio DJ heartthrob on *Northern Exposure*. Parker is the single principal of the children's new school in Queens and quickly begins to fall for the struggling Helen.

Pastor Dan made me feel like I had taken the entire candy selection at the concession stand and brought it into the theatre.

Sugar, sugar, sugar.
Maybe it is just that there are

too many of these movies out there. Once in a while, a nice cute romantic comedy is good for everyone to see, but this was overly sentimental in all the wrong places and never once produced any laughs.

So much for the romance and comedy portions of the romantic comedy *Raising Helen*.

Way too much sugar, not enough romance and the comedy was seriously underdone.

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Music in the air

Free outdoor concerts begin throughout the area this week

Victory Park in Belleville

Music in the Park at Victory Park in Belleville starting at 3 p.m.:

June 27 - Belleville Community Band

First of five concerts throughout this series by Belleville Community Band. Each concert will be different. This week's theme is "Music Around the World"

July 4 - Blue Moon Trio

Singing hits of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, and other singers of their style

July 11 - Belleville Community Band

Second concert theme is "Patriotic Salute"

July 18 - The Music Lady Beverly Meyer

July 25 - Belleville Community Band "Summer Music"

Aug. 1 - Country Connections Chorus

The Ypsilanti Chapter of the Sweet Adelines will entertain in song and dance with barbershop harmonies

Aug. 8 - Belleville Community Band

The fourth concert in the series will highlight music from Broadway and the movies

Aug. 15 - Joyous Noise

Clap and dance along with these old-timey lively tunes, featuring hammered and mountain dulcimers, fiddle and mandolin.

Aug. 22 - Belleville Community band

The last of the concert series where will hear the John P. Sousa 150th Birthday Salute

Aug. 29 - World's Oldest Living Saxophone Section

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Downtown Northville band shell

All events will take place in the Downtown Northville band shell, located south of Main Street, just east of Center Street.

June 04 - 7:30-9 p.m. Northville High School Jazz Ensemble I

June 11 - 7:30-9 p.m. Equinox (Irish/Gaelic music)

June 18 - 7:30-9 p.m. Novi Concert Band

June 25 - 7:30-9 p.m. MB2 (5 decades of hit song covers)

June 29 - 11a.m.-Noon Matt Watroba (Folk and Humor for All Ages)

July 02 - 7:30-9 p.m. Plymouth Community Band

July 06 - 11a.m.-Noon Rennie Kaufmann (Eclectic Covers and Storytelling)

July 09 - 7:30-9 p.m. Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies

July 10 - 7:30-9 p.m. Randy Brock Group (Guitar driven blues)

July 13 - 11a.m.-Noon Wild Swan Theatre: The Adventures of Frog and Toad (Children's Theater)

July 16 - 7:30-9 p.m. Schoolcraft Community College Wind Ensemble

July 20 - 11a.m.-Noon Beverley Meyer, a.k.a. The Music Lady (Interactive Music for Children)

July 23 - 7:30-9 p.m. Bugs Beddow (Rockin' Rhythm and Blues)

July 27 - 11a.m.-Noon Adam Mellema (Storytelling)

July 30 - 7:30-9 p.m. Farmington Jazz Band

Aug. 03 - 11a.m.-Noon Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express (Child-friendly Music and Humor)

Aug. 06 - 7:30-9 p.m. Oak Point Band

Aug. 13 - 7:30-9 p.m. One Flight Up (Folk)

Aug. 20 - 7:30-9 p.m. Ick & Erk (Pop/Folk)

The Goudy Park Concert Series in Wayne

The Goudy Park Concert Series takes place at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday in Goudy Park, off Wayne Road north of Michigan Avenue behind Wayne City Hall. Scheduled are:

June 3 - The William Wyatt Band, country music

June 10 - The Mark Phillips Band, big band music

June 17 - The Mega 80s, 1980s cover music

June 24 - TBA

July 1 - no concert

July 8 - The Twisting Tarantulas, rockabilly music

July 15 - A tribute to Britney Spears and Madonna

July 22 - The Mighty Meaty Swing Kings, swing music

July 29 - Chicago Transit, a tribute to Chicago

Aug. 5 - The Mickey Ratt Band, a country tribute band

Aug. 12 - The Reflections, 'doo-wop' music

Aug. 19 - Rumours, a salute to Fleetwood Mac.

Performance pavilion at the Westland Public Library

The Westland Cultural Society sponsors on a free concert series at 6 p.m. every Sunday at the performance pavilion at the Westland Public Library. The library is on Central City Parkway between Ford and Warren roads. The concerts start Sunday. Scheduled performers are:

June 6 - Ramblin Country with Jr. Hart, country and western music

June 13 - Trilogy, doo-wop and classic rock by Trilogy.

June 27 - Pam & Scott, easy listening music.

July 11 - Roy Cobb & the Coachmen, bluegrass.

July 18 - The Birmingham Straw Hat Band, Dixieland, polkas and marches.

July 25 - Novi Concert Band

Aug. 1 - Waco Country Band with Dean Stacy, country and western.

Aug. 8 - Tommy James Orchestra, big band music.

Aug. 15 - Tyrone Hamilton All Star Band, rhythm and blues and light rock.

In the event of rain, the concerts will be moved to the Bailey Recreation Center.

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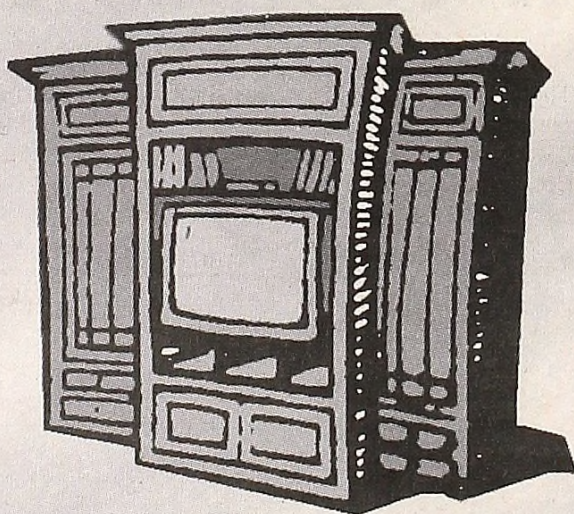
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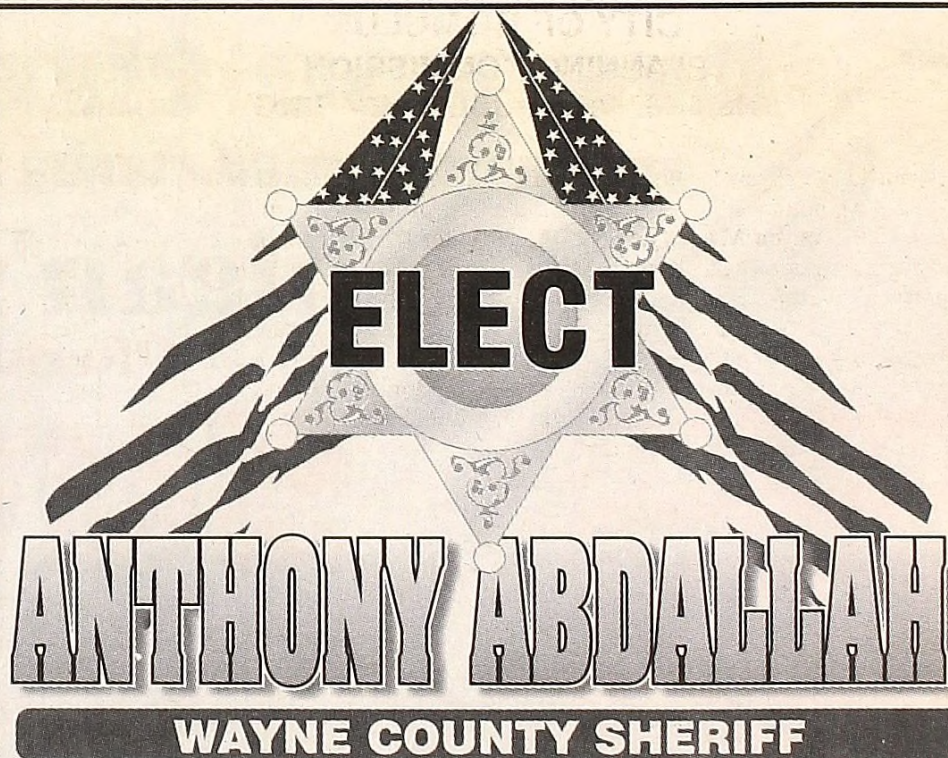
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Van Buren Township offers activities

Van Buren Township is providing a variety of summer activities beginning in June.

On June 10, a trip to Cedar Point will take place for all ages leaving township hall at 7:30 a.m. and returning at 10 p.m. The trip is \$50 and will include a charter bus ride and admission to the park.

Awesome Adventures summer program for youth ages 8-15 will also take place throughout the summer. Trips include horseback riding, canoeing, a waterpark trip, indoor rock climbing,

camping and caving.

The fireworks show will take place starting at dusk June 26 at Beck Ballfields. The 30-minute display is presented by Van Buren Parks and Recreation and Waste Management.

Concerts in the Park will take place in Van Buren Park starting at 7:30 p.m. July 7-Aug. 11. Performers include: Impact 7, Jeremy Kittel and Gaden of Souls, Carl Vanover and Friends, Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band, The Gazebo Orchestra and Don Middlebrook and Living Soul.

CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE TO ELECTORS

Absentee Voter Ballots

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that ABSENTEE VOTERS BALLOTS are available for the School Board Election to be held Monday, June 14, 2004, and may be obtained from the Office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, for electors who expect to be absent from the community, are physically disabled, cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of their religion, or are 60 years of age or older.

Notice is further given that Saturday, June 12, 2004 is the deadline for the acceptance of Absentee Ballot Applications, in accordance with Section 168.759 of Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948, as amended. The City Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the acceptance thereof.

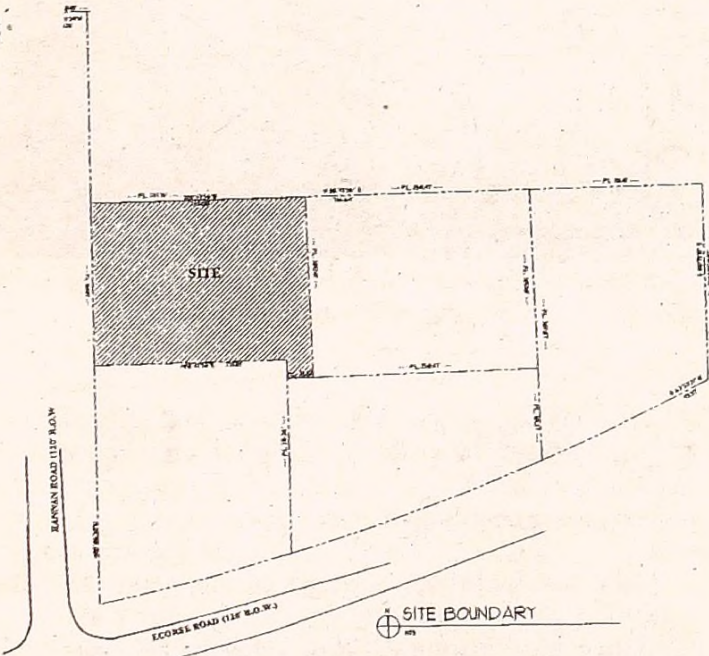
EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTERS APPLICATIONS will be issued to any registered elector prior to 4:00 p.m. on Election Day if he/she shall become physically disabled or shall be absent from the City of Romulus because of sickness or death in the family which occurred at a time that has made it impossible to apply for Absentee Ballots by the statutory deadline.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
Clerk

Publish: June 03, 2004
June 10, 2004

CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2004, for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map for the City of Romulus to rezone approximately 1.01+- acres of parcel# 82-80-026-99-0015-703 from C-2 General Business District to C-3 Highway Services District. This parcel is located on the northwest quadrant of Ecorse and Hannan Roads north of 39336 Ecorse Road. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, June 21, 2004, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS
T.I.F.A. DISTRICT II, REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS
MDOT MERRIMAN RD. ENHANCEMENT
PROJECT-PHASE II, LANDSCAPING BID

Tax Increment Finance Authority, District 11 of the City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above service.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by Grissm Metz Andriese Associates, Inc., 300 E. Cady St, Northville, MI 48167 on or after May 18th 2004 upon deposit of \$20.00, which is non-refundable.
- (2) Proposals must be submitted on forms furnished by Landscape Architect and be accompanied by Bid Bond or Certified Check in the amount of five (5%) of Proposal submitted. Please call (248) 347-7010 before picking up plans and specifications.
- (3) Project work to consist of Site Development including:
 1. Landscaping along the Merriman Road right-of-way between I-94 and Ecorse Road, on either side of the road and in the median. Work to be performed includes planting of trees, shrubs, ground cover, flowers and sodded lawn
 - Anticipated Construction Start Date: July 1, 2004
 - Substantial Completion Date: November 1, 2004
- (4) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerks Office no later than 2:00pm, Thursday, June 10, 2004. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

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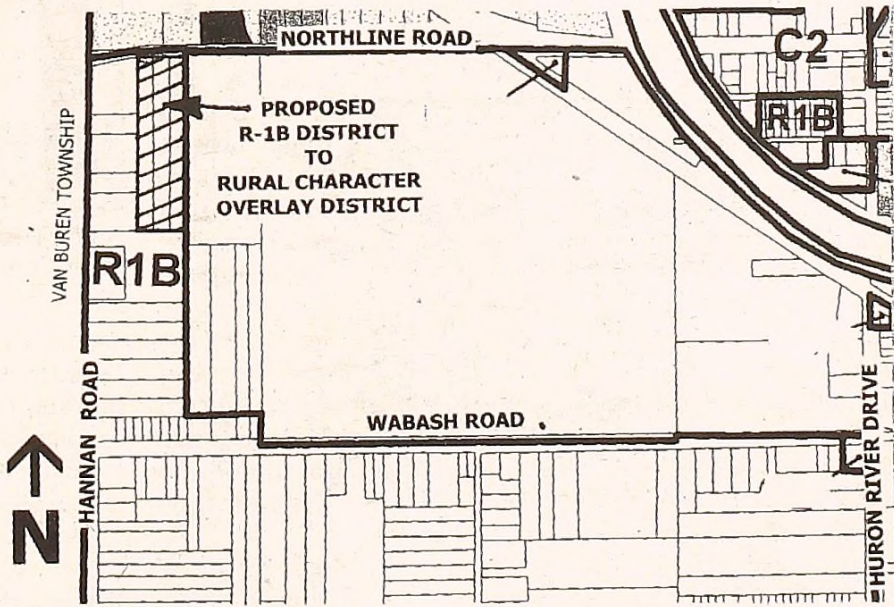
(3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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June 03, 2004

CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2004, for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the Zoning Map for the City of Romulus to rezone certain properties from their current designation of R1-B, Single Family Residential District to the Rural Character Overlay District. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to rezone the following properties: DP#'s 82-80-075-99-0008-000; 82-80-075-99-0009-000; 82-80075-99-0010-000, the properties are located on the South side of Northline Road east of Hannan Road.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, June 21, 2004, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk

Publish: June 3, 2004

SPORTS

Stevenson Spartans upset Northville Mustangs, 1-0

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Finally, the rivalry between the Stevenson Spartans and the Northville Mustangs soccer teams was settled. In three previous meetings in the last two years no player on either team had scored. That's three 80-minute games with 240 total minutes of scoreless action.

However, in the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) league championship game last Wednesday night, that all changed.

After another 38:50 of shutout soccer, Stevenson's Lia Williamson broke the scoreless streak in the first half to give the Spartans their first lead against the Mustangs in two years. The rest of the game belonged to Stevenson's goalkeeper, Mindy Magoulick. She made six saves to shut out Northville in the championship game.

"It was a well-called and evenly-played game," said Northville Coach Ron Meteyer. "It's a chess game anytime we play them - you have to find a weakness."

The Mustangs lost, but it wasn't



The Northville Mustangs fell short against the Livonia Stevenson Spartans, 1-0, in the Western Lakes Activities Association League Championship last Wednesday.

from a lack of trying.

Northville out-shot the Spartans, 6-5, and had some quality chances throughout the game, but nothing would go in the net. Freshman forward Danielle Toney had some good shots, Meteyer said, but it was junior midfielder Jennifer Kritch that almost netted one for the

Mustangs. She split two defenders in front of the Stevenson goal to take a shot from four yards out. But, the surprised goalie was able to make the quick stop, according to Meteyer.

Sophomore goalie Katie Weicksel also had an excellent night in net for Northville, Meteyer said. She stopped five

shots to keep the game close. She also came out of net to stop two breakaway chances by the Spartans. However, the Championship game depended on Northville's offense.

"We switched things up a little bit to give them a different look," Meteyer said. "It went pretty well."

With 12 minutes left in the game and Northville down, 1-0, Meteyer brought three forwards up to help get the offense going - to no avail.

"Bringing three forwards up took away from the midfield and caused problems in our transition game," he said.

The Mustangs will have to put the loss behind them and prepare for their district match up at 6:00 p.m. tonight in Northville. They drew a bye in the first round and are scheduled to take on the winner of Tuesday night game against Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western. The game was played Tuesday night, but the result was not known at press time.

On the other side of the bracket, Novi took on Redford Union and Livonia Stevenson faced off against Farmington Hills Mercy on Tuesday night. The results of the two games were also unknown at press time. The winners will battle it out at 4:00 p.m. today at Northville.

The district Championship game is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4 in Northville.

Inkster coach helps break local color barrier

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

While some Americans were trying to beat down racial barriers with riots and protests in the 1960s, Inkster resident Al Rice was busting through racial walls with a baseball bat.

In 1970, Rice threw all caution to the wind and formed the first mixed black and white baseball team in Inkster.

"I got a wild idea one day," Rice said. "I knew there was no black and white teams in Inkster and I had a friend in Garden City named Al Gergan. I called him up and said 'I've got a real good idea. Pick up a six-pack and meet me at the house.'"

"I told him 'I want to put a black and white team together' and he spit beer all over the place. He told me it wasn't going to work."

It was a common reaction. Everyone in the Inkster Parks and Recreation Department told him it wouldn't work, either, he said.

But Rice felt differently. He and Gordon collected players from Inkster, Garden City, Wayne and Dearborn to put the first mixed team, the Astros, together

with hopes to prove everyone wrong.

"I told Al to bring me the kids off of his side of Michigan Avenue and I'll get the ones on my side," he said. "He left shaking his head. We got together and got a team together. I told them what I wanted and those kids played beautifully together. No problems at all."

The Astros made it to the Connie Mack Championship game in their first year and won 1-0, according to Rice. He still remembers the game like it was

yesterday.

"I had a runner on first, Tony Dickerson. He had good speed and one of the other fellows got a hit up the middle and scored Tony in from first base to home to score the only

run of the game.

"Jim Kubiak pitched the game, a white boy," he continued. "I was going to take him out but he begged me to leave him in. Jim won that game and the Connie Mack League that year, 1-0."

From there, every team that Rice had coached won a championship.

"It went on with every team that I had—championship, championship, championship," he said. "I won so many champi-



S.W.A.T. was one of the first racially mixed teams in Inkster formed by the Al Rice in the early 1970s. The team along with 26 of Rice's other teams went on to win championships.

onships I didn't want it anymore. I used to have my fellows bat left-handed to try and keep from scoring, but we would still win."

Rice naturally made his start as a player. At the age of 10 or 11, when he was living in Kansas City, he would take his glove with him on the way to Sunday School and sneak in a game beforehand. He played catcher - and was a dirty one at that - he said.

"I'd put the ball where you were coming home," he said. "I put that ball in your groin, put it in your face, put it in your neck, put it in your throat. I got all cut up sliding in on them, too," he added, lifting his pants leg to show off old brown scars on his

shin and leg.

When his father died, he was 18-years-old and he enlisted in the Air Force, because there was no one else to challenge him, he said.

After his training in San Antonio, TX, he was sent to Selfridge Air National Guard base near Mt. Clemens. And when he finished out his term in the armed forces at age 23 he started playing ball again.

He tried out for a softball team in Ypsilanti that didn't have a coach.

"Nobody knew anything about coaching," he said. "I just walked in and tried out. I made the team plus I started coaching the team."

Then, he moved to Inkster in 1965 and approached Charles Penn, who headed the Boys Club, about starting a baseball team. He did but they were all-black teams. He won league championships and in 1970 after his last all-black team, Master Movements, won the league he wanted to try something new. He wanted to "mix" things up, and he did.

"At the time I thought it was the right time to try to come up with something new," he said. "I was beating everybody and I just wanted to put something new together and see if I could make

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Rockets blast Zebras fall to Chargers

Jeff Novak
 Staff Writer

The Rockets softball squad was blanked, 3-0, by the Churchill Chargers last Thursday afternoon.

Once the Chargers started bunting it was all over for the Rockets.

"We were playing the bunt correctly to start," said Glenn Coach Bill Duncan. "But one of them got away from the player and they were able to score."

The Chargers scored two runs in the third inning an RBI-single knocked in the third run in the fourth to put the game away.

Dana Baran pitched a five-hitter with four strikeouts and four walks in the loss.

On offense, the Rockets struck out seven times but managed some powerful hits. However, nobody crossed the plate. Devon Ross had a base hit in the third and Rebecca Oros nailed a shot up the middle for a single. Amanda Fullerton also hit a single in the seventh, but nobody could bring her home.

The game ended as a 3-0 victory for the Chargers.

Rockets 12, Zebras 2

John Glenn had better success against cross-town rivals the Wayne Zebras on Tuesday, May 25. They had home field advantage and blasted the Zebras, 12-2, in a five-inning mercy.

Baran pitched a three-hitter with eight strikeouts to record the win.

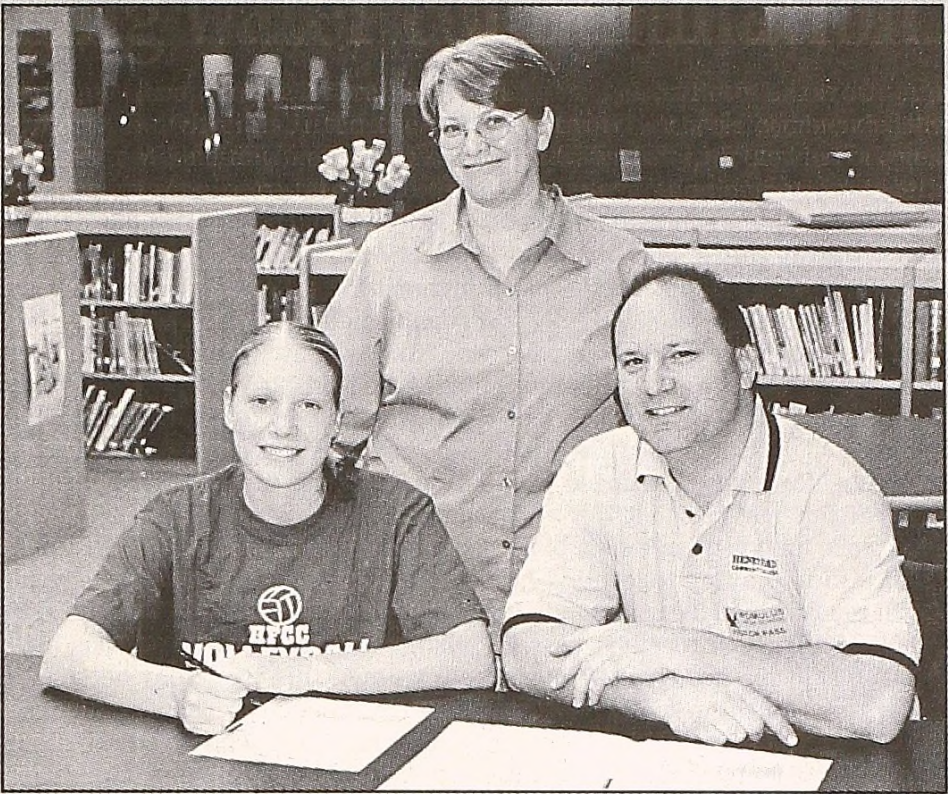
On offense, the Rockets blasted 11 hits for 12 runs. Fullerton had two RBIs on the day. Ross and Megan Dean each had a RBI-single. Oros was a powerhouse with three hits, including two singles and a double, to knock in six runs. Bridget Berg had a single with two RBI and Amy Bailey had three hits and scored twice.

"We hit the ball real well," Duncan said. "That's been our strength all year. For as hard as we work at it we should be hitting the ball well. Other than that it was a nice cross-town game."

The Rockets headed to Garden City for the first round of the district tournament on Tuesday but the results were not available at press time for this edition. Glenn did match up against the Cougars earlier in the season but lost to them, 2-0, according to Duncan.

"We were playing the bunt correctly to start. But one of them got away from the player and they were able to score."

Coach Bill Duncan



Romulus High School senior Carla Broom recently signed a letter of intent to play for Henry Ford Community College (HFCC). Also pictured are her mother Beth and HFCC coach Ed Ruhl. Broom, who will be attending the college on an academic scholarship, was also the number one player on the girls' tennis team for the past two years and a three-year starter on the Lady Eagle Volleyball team. Broom was also an all-league selection in both sports.

CITY OF ROMULUS, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO ELECTORS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual School Election will be held in the Romulus Community School District, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on Monday, June 14, 2004, from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m., Prevailing Eastern Standard Time.

The following vacancies for members of the Board of Education will be voted upon in the Romulus Community School District:

TWO (2) FOUR (4) YEAR TERM

Each person voting on the above must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America.
- (b) A registered elector of the Romulus Community School District.
- (c) Eighteen (18) years of age or older.

The polling places will be open for voting from 7:00 a.m., to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Precinct	Location
1	Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan
2	Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, Michigan
3	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
4	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman Road, Romulus, Michigan
5	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
7	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
8	Romulus Elementary School, 32200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan
9	Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, Michigan
10	Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, Michigan
11	Mt. Pleasant School, 39000 Superior, Romulus, Michigan
12	Merriman School, 15303 Merriman, Romulus, Michigan
13	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan
14	Wick School, 36900 Wick Road, Romulus, Michigan
15	Fire Station #2, 7221 Middlebelt, Romulus, Michigan
16	Halecreek School, 16200 Harrison Road, Romulus, Michigan
17	Cory School, 35200 Smith Road, Romulus, Michigan
18	Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan

Public notice is hereby given by the Romulus City Clerk in accordance with Section 380.1002 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
Clerk

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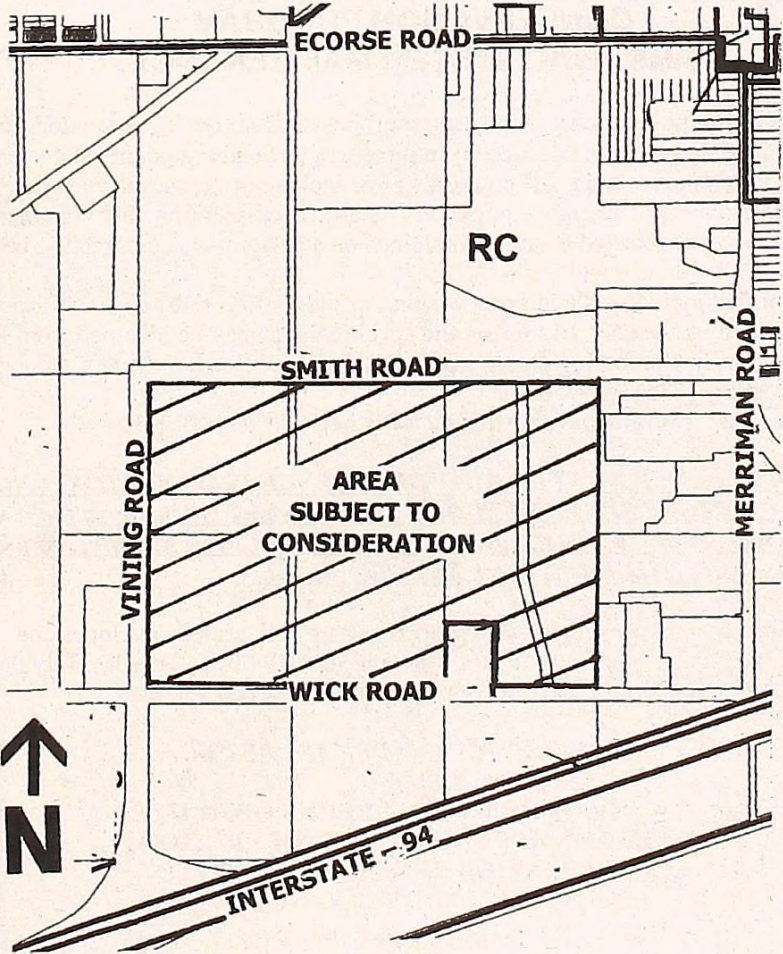
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING UNSPECIFIED USE DETERMINATION/SPECIAL LAND USE MID ROMULUS (MICHIGAN DOWNS)

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2004, for the purpose of considering a Use Authorization question under the Zoning Ordinance and Map. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request from MID Romulus (Michigan Downs) for a 212 acre horse racing/entertainment facility and research and development facility to be considered as a Special Land Use within the RC, Regional Center District. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 16, 2004, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.



Linda R. Choate, CMC
City Clerk

Publish: June 3, 2004

Baseball

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it work, and it worked. It worked, it worked."

Once the Astros were formed and they started winning there was little dissension among the players and the parents.

"The kids were undecided about what they wanted to do," he said. "The parents were undecided if they wanted their kids to play like that. But, after they saw what I was putting down and we started winning, they all fell right in with it.

"Ever since then you have seen black and white kids playing together," he added. "It really helped the community. It really helped bring them together.

He said that he has had about 27 teams and every one of them won championships.

"It makes me feel good," he said. "It makes me feel like I've done something."

Rice has also coached softball, football, basketball, soccer and volleyball and has won championships with every sport that he has coached. And when Rice isn't coaching, he's umpiring. And when he's

not 'umpping,' he's cooking. Rice cooked for 38 years of his life and takes time to teach kids to cook.

"I'll always work with kids," he said. "Be it coaching, umpping or cooking, I'll work with them. I'll work with the worst kids and I can straighten them out. That's my thing."

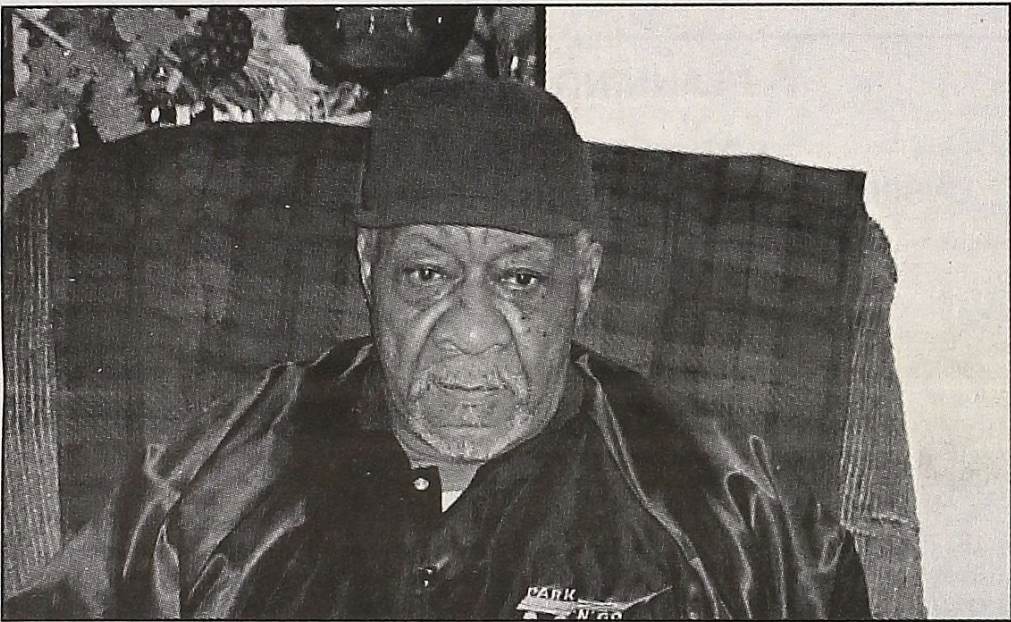
Rice is a guy used to winning and rising above all odds but he suffered his biggest loss last April when his wife Juanita died.

"She was always right there by my side," he said. "If I got into an argument she would be in the argument too. She was my transporter. She would drive the kids back and forth to the field every game. I just thank the lord for a wife that understood."

On top of everything he does, the 70-year-old Rice also plays drums and sings for his church. However, he has had to slow down this past year because he underwent open-heart surgery in April.

But that won't keep him down though. He even said he's thinking of playing for an over-50 league this summer.

"I just love baseball," he said. "That's my heart; I guess I'll do it until I die. God willing I will be on that field next year doing something—either coaching or umpping."



Al Rice, who is recovering from recent open-heart surgery, swears he will be back on the field either coaching or umpping.



Field Day

Elementary students in the Romulus Community School District recently enjoyed one of the few rain-free days and participated in the All-District Field Day. Among the 6th grade stars were: (from left) Ashley Watley - long jump (Wick), Kelly Ragay - softball throw (Barth), Cieara Franklin - long jump (Cory), Cody Szostek - long jump (Merriman), Zack Nastal - mile (Romulus) and Kevin Lipkowski - tug of war (Halecreek).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for housing occupancy applications will be received on June 4, 2004 by calling area code (734) 729-5389 or you may come into the Romulus Housing Commission office located at 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan. Persons who require assistance or reasonable accommodations in completing an application may call the Housing office to make special arrangements. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE PROPOSALS RFP 03/04-37 ENERGY AND OPERATIONAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND HVAC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to propose energy and operational conservation measures through a guaranteed energy and operational savings contract. All proposals must include price, means and equipment for implementation of energy equipment, repair, modernization, maintenance and training services at selected Romulus buildings on a performance contracting basis.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan. By calling (734) 955-4568 or Emailing: romuluspurchasing@icwww.net
- (2) **ATTENDANCE AT A PRE-BID CONFERENCE IS MANDATORY! NO EXCEPTIONS SHALL BE MADE! The conference is scheduled for 10:00am, June 10, 2004, and shall be held in the City of Romulus, Counsel Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174**
- (3) Proposals must be submitted in properly addressed, sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 10:00am, Tuesday, July 06, 2004. At which time said bids shall be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

**CITY OF ROMULUS CLERKS OFFICE
RFP 03/04-37 - RFP ENERGY AND OPERATIONAL
CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND HVAC
SYSTEM MAINTENANCE
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan**

- (4) The City of Romulus reserves the right to reject some and/or all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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02. In Memoriam
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44. Music Lessons
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54. Rummage Sales
55. Farm Equipment/Supplies
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64. Lawn & Garden Supplies
65. Tree Service
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67. Garden Plant / Supplies
68. Garden / Produce
70. Christmas Trees
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76. Snowmobiles
77. Recreation Vehicles
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87. Room for Rent
88. Duplexes for Rent
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92. Business Places for Rent
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97. Cottages for Rent
98. Mobile Homes for Rent
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Sale, pursuant to
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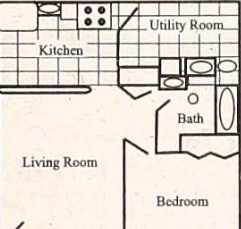
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30 DAY NOTICE OF AUCTION
Due to unknown ownership, 30 day notice is hereby given that the vehicle(s) listed below will be auctioned after JULY 3, 2004 unless it is claimed by the owner prior to that time:

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60. Misc. Sales

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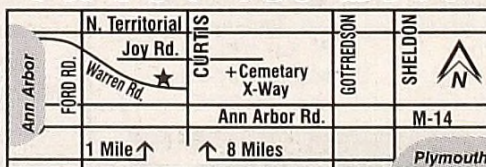
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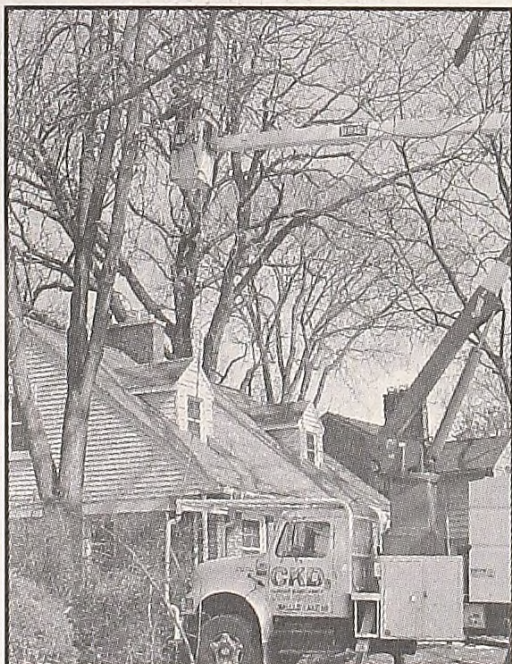
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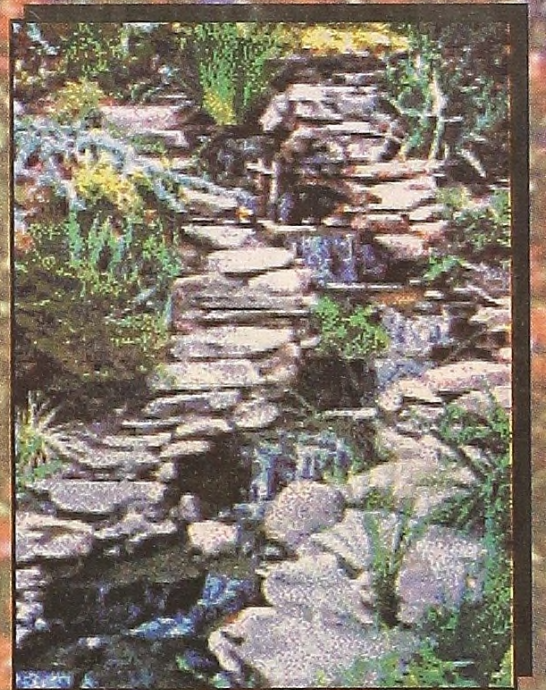
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